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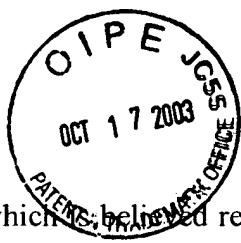
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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97 through 1.98, Applicants wish to make known to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office the references set forth on the attached form PTO-1449 (copies of the cited references are enclosed). As to any reference supplied, Applicants do not admit that it is "prior art" under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 or 103, and specifically reserve the right to traverse or antedate any such reference, as by a showing under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 or other method. Although the aforesaid references are made known to the Patent and Trademark Office in compliance with Applicants' duty to disclose all information they are aware



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of which is believed relevant to the examination of the above-identified application, Applicants believe that their invention is patentable.

For the Examiner's reference, the above-identified application is a continuation of U.S. Application No. 09/080,691 filed May 18, 1998, now abandoned (the "Parent Application"). In the Parent Application, a seven-way restriction requirement was entered as follows:

- Group I: Claims 1-39 and 98-105;
- Group II: Claims 106-117;
- Group III: Claims 40-71;
- Group IV: Claims 72-79;
- Group V: Claims 80-87;
- Group VI: Claims 88-97; and
- Group VII: Claims 118-122.

In the Parent Application, Applicants elected Group I, and the above-identified application was filed to continue prosecution of the Group I subject matter, which subject matter stood finally rejected in the parent application. Applicants filed:

(1) U.S. Application No. 09/428,801, now U.S. Patent No. 6,537,501, which is a divisional of the Parent Application, on October 28, 1999 to continue prosecution of the Group III subject matter;

(2) U.S. Application No. 09/428,793, which is a divisional of the Parent Application, on October 28, 1999 to continue prosecution of the Group IV subject matter;

(3) U.S. Application No. 09/428,840, which is a divisional of the Parent Application, on October 28, 1999 to continue prosecution of the Group V subject matter;

(4) U.S. Application No. 09/428,839, which is a divisional of the Parent Application, on October 28, 1999 and U.S. Application No. 09/723,823, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application No. 09/428,839, on November 28, 2000 to continue prosecution of the Group VI subject matter;

(5) U.S. Application No. 09/428,804, which is a divisional of the Parent Application, on October 28, 1999 to continue prosecution of the Group II subject matter; and

(6) U.S. Application No. 09/428,807, now U.S. Patent No. 6,576,194, which is a divisional of the Parent Application, on October 28, 1999 and U.S. Application No.

10/422,346, which is a continuation of U.S. Application No. 09/428,907, on April 22, 2003 to continue prosecution of the Group VII subject matter (together, the "Related Applications").

The aforesaid references were cited in the Related Applications.

Please acknowledge receipt of this Second Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement and kindly make the cited references of record in the above-identified application. A fee of \$180 is submitted in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c). The Director is authorized to charge any other fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-1090.

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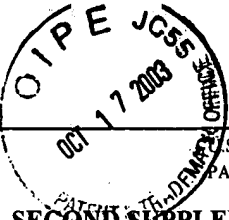
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	AC	3,811,474	05/21/74	Bauer et al.	137	833	
	AD	4,109,505	08/29/78	Clark et al.	73	1R	
	AE	4,201,470	05/06/80	Ehrly et al.	356	39	
	AF	4,206,650	06/10/80	Berber et al.	73	421R	
	AG	4,473,424	09/25/84	Sorko-Ram	156	268	
	AH	4,484,134	11/20/84	Halloran	324	71.1	
	AI	4,503,385	03/05/85	Haynes	324	71.4	
	AJ	4,533,638	08/06/85	Murányi et al.	435	288	
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	BD	4,938,592	07/03/90	Poole et al.	356	335	
	BE	5,011,022	04/30/91	Palepu et al.	209	155	
	BF	5,182,617	01/26/93	Yoneyama et al.	356	440	
	BG	5,254,201	10/19/93	Konda et al.	156	344	
	BH	5,260,029	11/09/93	Hosoi et al.	422	82.08	
	BI	5,464,752	11/07/95	Kortright et al.	435	7.24	
	BJ	5,530,540	06/25/96	Wyatt et al.	356	246	
	BK	5,579,107	11/26/96	Wright et al.	356	336	
	BL	5,587,070	12/24/96	Pall et al.	210	202	
	BM	5,591,403	01/07/97	Gavin et al.	422	73	
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	CD	5,726,404	03/10/98	Brody	200	81R	
	CE	5,728,351	03/17/98	Carver, Jr.	422	73	
	CF	5,747,349	05/05/98	van den Engh et al.	436	172	
	CG	5,793,485	08/11/98	Gourley	356	318	
	CH	5,840,254	11/24/98	Carver, Jr. et al.	422	68.1	
	CI	5,858,195	01/12/99	Ramsey	204	601	
	CJ	5,868,322	02/09/99	Loucks, Jr. et al.	239	418	
	CK	5,876,675	03/02/99	Kennedy	422	99	
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	CM	5,932,100	08/03/99	Yager et al.	210	634	
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	DC	5,989,402	11/23/99	Chow et al.	204	601	
	DD	5,993,750	11/30/99	Ghosh et al.	422	191	
	DE	6,007,690	12/28/99	Nelson et al.	204	601	
	DF	6,120,666	09/19/00	Jacobson et al.	204	452	
	DG	6,136,272	10/24/00	Weigl et al.	422	82.05	
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	DJ	6,159,739	12/12/00	Weigl et al.	436	52	
	DK	6,167,910	01/02/01	Chow	137	827	
	DL	6,176,962	01/23/01	Soane et al.	156	292	
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